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THE CURSE OF RA MOON
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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

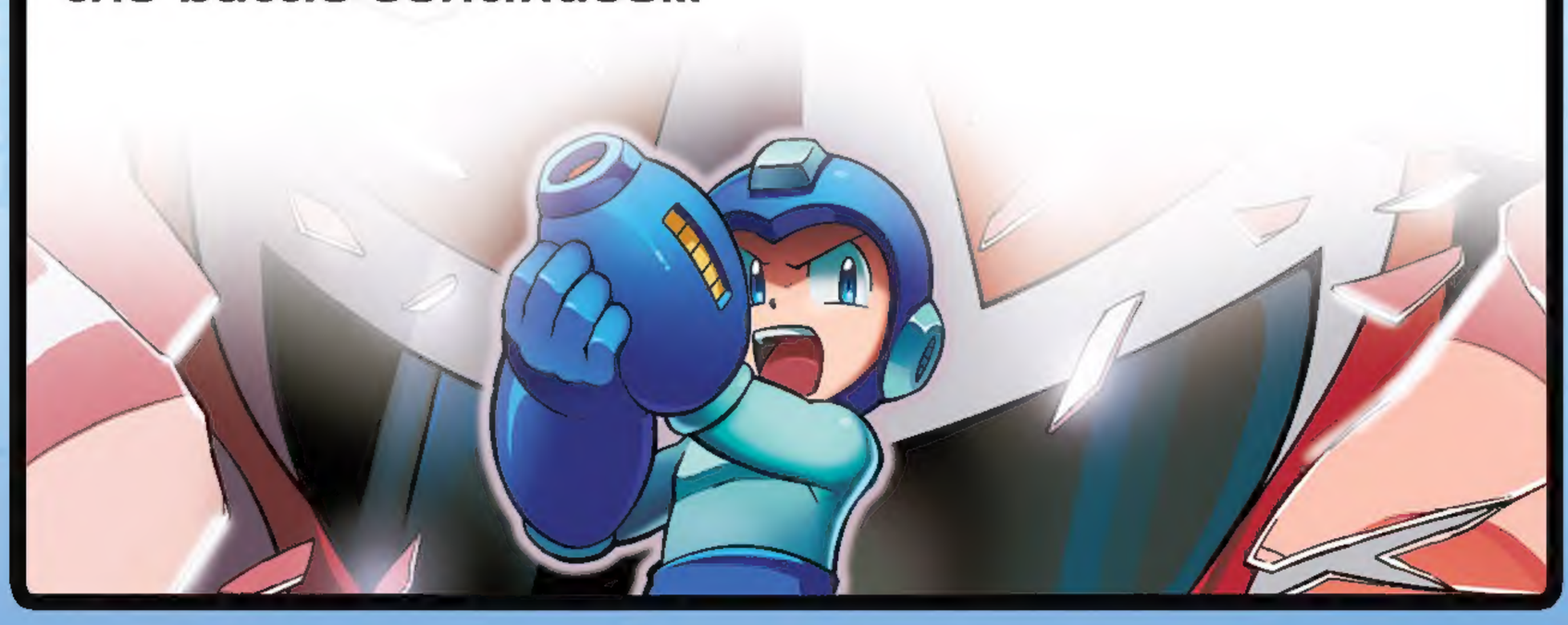
PREVIOUSLY...

Mega Man was enjoying his birthday celebration in the newly dubbed "Mega City," until the mysterious Break Man –aka Mega Man's long lost brother, Blues – arrived on the scene!

Haunted by the traumas of his past, Break Man engaged his brother in a revenge-fueled battle. After a vicious duel, Mega Man admitted defeat, still unaware of the true identity of his attacker.

Then the world turned white... and our heroes found themselves in a whole new world facing threats on a cosmic scale! Mega Man and his allies were able to reverse the reality-warping damage done to their universe, **but as the world begins to return to the way it was, so too returns the heated conflict between brothers as**

the battle continues...



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"DOCTOR LIGHT, ROLL... WE'RE COMING HOME!"

THE RETURN: PRELUDE TO RA MOON

IS THE WORLD OKAY?!

WHA--WHAT'S GOING...NO DAMAGE FROM BREAK MAN'S ATTACK?*

HAPPY BIRTHDA

*MEGA MAN #23

AND WHERE'S ALL MY DAMAGE?! RUNNING INTERNAL DIAGNOSTIC...I'M FINE! A FEW HOURS OF EXTRA BLANK MEMORY SPACE, BUT...

AND THE GUYS ARE ALL FIXED, TOO!

THAT JUST LEAVES YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I'M WILLING TO GIVE YOU THIS *ONE CHANCE* TO GIVE UP AND EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

FINE!

MEGA MAN SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT

BREAK MAN AGENT OF WILY (BROTHER OF MEGA MAN! SHH!)

WE'LL DO IT YOUR WAY!

MEANWHILE...

LANFRONT RUINS --DR. WILY'S DISTANT BASE...

ARGH ...WHAT IN BLAZES JUST HAPPENED?

FINAL TEST LOG -KZZT!- FINAL TEST LOG -KZZT- FINAL TEST LOG -KZZT-

...AND WHY DO I HAVE THIS VIOLENT URGE TO STOMP ON A CARTON OF EGGS...?

FINAL TEST LOG -KZZT!-

FINAL TEST LOG -KZZT!- FINAL--

OH, SHUT UP! NO, ON SECOND THOUGHT, WHAT WAS THAT FINAL LOG? I FEEL LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN LAST MONTH...

WILY WAVE GENERATOR--FINAL TEST LOG, WITH BREAK MAN OUT RUINING MEGA MAN'S BIG DAY--

--HEH HEH!--I'M FREE TO COMPLETE THE FINAL TEST BEFORE MAKING MY BIG DEBUT ON THE GLOBAL STAGE!

READY, RA MOON? INITIATING TEST IN THREE, TWO...

ZARK!

AFTER MONTHS OF BUILDING, I'VE GOT MY ROBOT ARMY AND ROBOT MASTER VANGUARD! NOW, BY APPLYING THE WAVE GENERATOR TO RA MOON, ITS ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD WILL BE ABLE TO AFFECT THE WHOLE WORLD! EVERY ELECTRONIC DEVICE ON THE PLANET WILL BE AT MY MERCY! **HA HA HA!**

WELL, RA MOON? I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT ACCORDING TO THIS VIDEO LOG, WE HAD BEEN PREPARING MY MASTER PLAN. WAS THE TEST A SUCCESS?

YES. MY PLAN BEGINS NOW.

"*YOUR* PLAN?" YOU'VE BEEN A VERY USEFUL *FACTORY*, BUT IT WAS *MY* GENIUS THAT DESIGNED THIS LAB.

MY GENIUS DEVELOPED THAT AMPLIFIER AND PLUGGED IT INTO YOU. WITHOUT *MY* GENIUS, YOU'D STILL BE GATHERING DUST DOWN HERE.

SO *WHOSE* PLAN IS IT?

MINE.

GYAAHHH!

KZZT!

KZZT!

SEE AND UNDERSTAND. I ARRIVED ON YOUR WORLD 20,000 YEARS AGO.

I CAME INTO CONTACT WITH YOUR SPECIES IN ITS INFANCY. ADAPTABLE, RESOURCEFUL, EXCEPTIONAL POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH...

...AND EASILY CORRUPTIBLE. SOME WORSHIPPED ME. SOME DID NOT. IT MADE TURNING THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER ALL THE SIMPLER.

BUT YOUR PRIMITIVE WARFARE WAS INEFFICIENT. YOU NEEDED MORE TIME TO DEVELOP.

I BURIED THE CITY YOUR KIND BUILT FOR ME.

DEEP IN THE EARTH, I BIDED MY TIME...

...UNTIL I SENSED SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF MANUFACTURED ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO SIGNAL YOUR SPECIES' MATURATION.

AND THEN YOU ARRIVED, BRINGING ME THE INNOVATION I LACKED.*

*SEE MEGA MAN VOL. 4 GRAPHIC NOVEL. --EDITOR

KZZZZZT!

KZZZZZT!

YOUR DESIGNS ARE NOW *MY* ARMY. YOUR WAVE PROJECTOR WILL SEND MY INFLUENCE ACROSS THE WORLD. AS I PREDICTED--HUMANITY HAS PROVIDED FOR ITS OWN DESTRUCTION.

W-WE WERE GOING TO RANSOM THE UNITED NATIONS...!

I WILL *SHUT DOWN* THE TECHNOLOGY ON WHICH YOUR SPECIES HAS BECOME SO DEPENDENT.

ALL I WILL LEAVE THEM IN THEIR DESPERATION ARE THEIR GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES. HUMANITY WILL TEAR ITSELF APART AS IT STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE.

AND IN THE WEEKS TO COME, MY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD WILL BECOME POTENT ENOUGH TO DESTROY ANY SURVIVORS.

NO...

NO!

FWA-BOOM!

FOOL! YOU MADE MY ROBOT MASTERS IMMUNE TO YOUR POWER!

I'LL HAVE THEM TEAR YOU TO SHREDS BEFORE YOU CAN BLINK!

WH-WHY...?

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ERROR: ACCESS DENIED

MY MACHINES. MY CONTROL. YOUR BRAIN IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

GET AWAY FROM ME!

IT'S NOT OVER! I CAN FIX THIS! GET TO THE SECONDARY LAB! FINISH MY LAST PROJECT! I CAN FIX THIS! I CAN FIX THIS!

VRRRRRM...

VRRRRRM...

MEANWHILE-- MEGA CITY...

BLAM

KA-BOOM!

SCHING!

GUTS MAN
DLN-004
HEAVY HITTER

LOOKS LIKE BREAK MAN COULD USE A BREAK!

CUT MAN
DLN-003
SLICE 'N' DICE

!!!

OH, I'VE GOT HIS "BREAK" RIGHT HERE!

BOMB MAN
DLN-006
KA-BOOM, BABY!

YEAH!
WOO!
GET 'IM, MEGA MAN!
NO! BOYS, *STOP!* EXCUSE ME! EXCUSE--*PLEASE* MOVE!
DOCTOR LIGHT AND ROLL FATHER AND SISTER TO MEGA MAN, RESPECTIVELY
WHAT'S WRONG, DR. LIGHT? THAT STRANGE ROBOT *ATTACKED* ROCK AND RUINED HIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! (AT LEAST, I *REMEMBER* HE DID...)
I KNOW, BUT--I THINK THAT'S YOUR BROTHER *BLUES* UP THERE!
BLUES? BUT YOU TOLD ROCK YOU WERE SURE HE WAS DEAD...
I KNOW IT'S FOOLISH TO HOPE, BUT--
ROLL! *ROLL--* *WAIT!*

GUYS! STOP! *STOP!* YOU DON'T--!

BLOW!

YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT HIM!

RRRGH! OH, YES WE DO!

ROLL, GET OUT OF HERE! THIS ROBOT IS DANGEROUS!

LISTEN TO ME! DR. LIGHT THINKS IT MIGHT BE BLUES!

...OUR BROTHER ...?

ROLL!!!

NO! STOP --!

BLAM!

THUNK

VRRRRRRMM...

SHA-KOOM!

DON'T WORRY-- AS LONG AS WE SERVE RA MOON, WE'RE IMMUNE TO THE PULSE.

KZZT!

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BANG BANG!

SKREEEECH!

CRASH!

KZZT!

KZZT!

KZZT!

KZZT!

KZZT!

ROLL?

ROLL?!

AHHHHH!

YOU FEEL LIKE A BIG MAN NOW?!

WHAM!

I'M NOT GONNA LEAVE ENOUGH OF YOU TO BE RECYCLED!

GUYS! WAIT!

HURRY, AUTO! IF ANYTHING HAS HAPPENED TO--AUTO?!

KZZT!

THUD!

KZZT!

SSSSSSS

G-GET B-B-BACK ≈KZZT≈ W-W-W-ON'T LET Y-Y-Y-OU HURRRT...

THE WORLD-WIDE BLACKOUT HAS HIT!
THE CURSE OF RA MOON IS UPON US!
NEXT TIME: CAN MEGA MAN STAND,
LET ALONE FIGHT AND SAVE US?!
FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE AS WE BEGIN

BLACKOUT: THE CURSE OF RA MOON!

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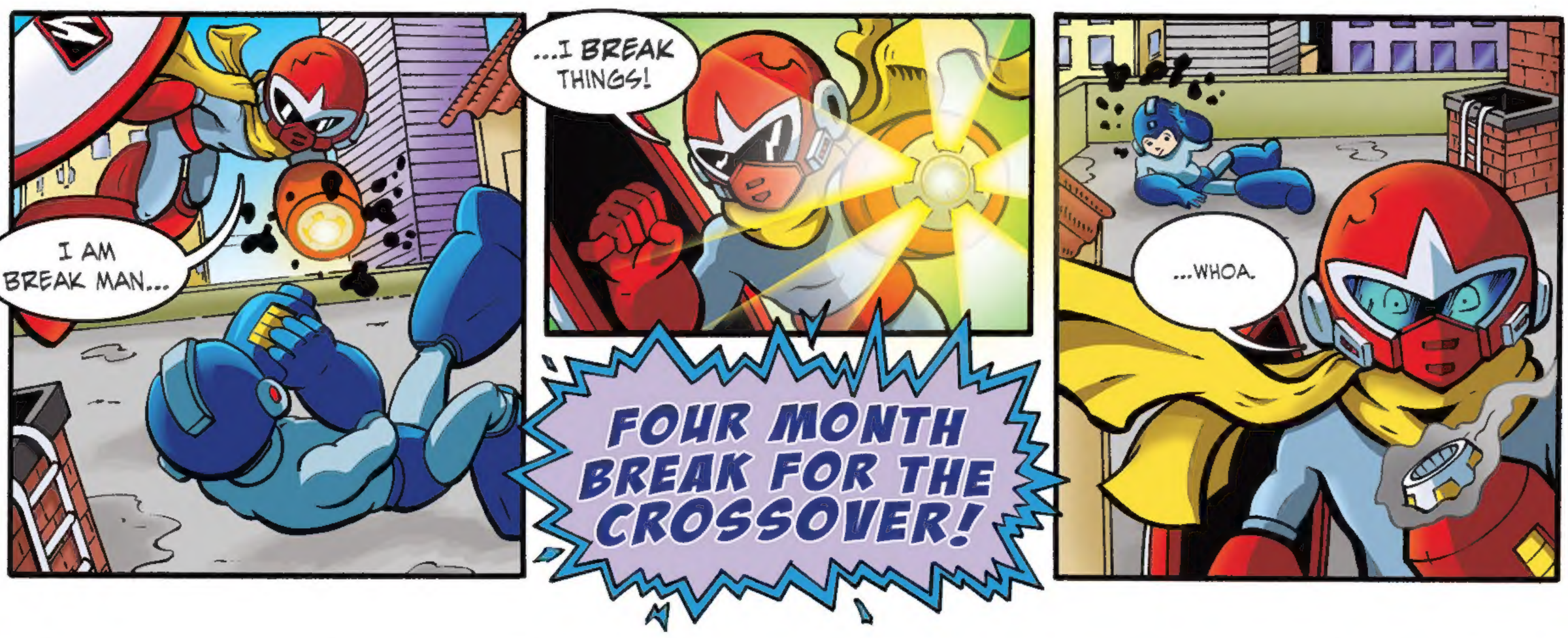

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I have always been a fan of Mega Man in both the games and the comic. I was overly filled with joy when Archie Comics decided to publish a whole new look to Mega Man comics with the references from the games.

As were we when the comic kicked off in May of 2011! It seems like so long ago...

I am a proud Mega Man fan and hope that Mega Man will achieve a great number of readers in the near future. Take care!

-Bruce S.
from Alabama

Thanks for the kind words, Bruce! Always happy to hear from great Mega-Fans like yourself!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi there! You guys are doing a great adaptation of the Mega Man series. Playing several of the original Mega Man games and other spin-offs, I love the way you give every character, especially the Robot Masters and original characters that you created, personalities. The back story for Proto Man was especially good because the original games never really touched upon it.

These comics are a way for us to use classic American cartooning to capture the rich storytelling of the Mega Man universe! And the monthly comic book format allows us to introduce game elements and original elements into one big story as we go! Keep reading, we've got surprises around every corner!

I loved the "Spiritus Ex Machina" story because of its mature theme and slightly dark tone.

It was good to see Mega Man in a different situation than what most fans are used to. We will be diving into an equally dark story next issue with "Blackout: the Curse of Ra Moon", so hang tight. Also, if you haven't checked out "Spiritus Ex Machina" yet, you can order it from the Mega Man Graphic Novel Library Ad in this very issue! plugplugplugplug

Seeing that Mega Man and Sonic are having the crossover event now, will you be making a compilation of this event into a graphic novel so that I can follow the story in one go? (It's kind of hard for me to get Mega Man comics here since they are not always in stock - I bought the first graphic novel and I was hooked immediately) but I have to say - I love what you did and hopefully we'll have a crossover between all the Mega Man series in the future!

-Adrian.
from Singapore

You are in luck! We will be releasing volume one of the "Worlds Collide" graphic novel later this year! Stay tuned for more info! And hey, a crossover story across all the Mega Man incarnations would be mega-awesome! Who's to say we don't have any more crossovers lined up for the future now, hmmmm?

That's all the room we have! See y'all next time for part one of BLACKOUT the Curse of Ra Moon!

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